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SELECT COMMITTEE FOR THE MONITORING OF THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR

INTERNATIONAL INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON EAST TIMOR

=LISBON DECLARATION=

The Lisbon International Inter-Parliamentary Conference was primarily aimed at helping the People of East Timor to win their fight for freedom.

In December 1975, the Republic of Indonesia invaded and occupied East Timor in violation of the United Nations Charter.

The People of East Timor were prevented by force from exercising their right to self-determination.

The U.N. General Assembly and Security Council immediately condemned the aggression perpetrated by the Republic of Indonesia.

The Republic of Indonesia annexed the East Timor territory and subjected its People to a genocide policy which has caused more than 200,000 deaths.

The Republic of Indonesia is unwilling to abide by the Resolutions adopted by the United Nations and attend to the appeals mede by the International Community, while refusing to recognise Portugal's Status as Administering Power of the East Timor territory in charge of promoting the self-determination process of its People.

In view of the existing situation, the participants in the Lisbon International Parliamentary Conference

1. Exhort the Republic of Indonesia to abide by the U.N. Resolutions on East Timor;

2. Call on the United Nations to ensure the respect for human rights in East Timor;

3. Urge the U.N. and all Governments and Parliaments of the Countries which have been selling arms to Indonesia to take measures aimed at en forcing an embargo to such trade, condemned by European Parliament and by the International Community;

4. Demand the immediate release of Xanana Gusmão and all Timorese political prisoners held in custody in Indonesia and East Timor;

5. Urge the UN Member States, namely the powers with an influence in the area, to cooperate in the search for an internationally acceptable solution that enables the East Timorese People to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination;

6. Request the United Nations to proclaim the 7th of December as the International Day of East Timor;

7. Pay tribute to heroic and tragic saga of the People of East Timor, in their struggle for freedom and the preservation of their century-old identity.